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an extraordinarily bad harvest was to be expected in the Salzwedel district as a result of adverse weather and insufficient cultivation. [] meadows totalling 1,180 hectares had been completely ruined by heavy rains and [] cultivated fields totalling 1,050 hectares were expected to give practically no yields because of water damage. A total of 15 to 20 percent of fields cultivated with sugar beets had to be ploughed up, since no harvest could be expected. Another 20 percent of sugar beet fields were so weedy that a considerable loss of yield was expected. Since seeds for secondary cultivation, especially green fodder, were lacking, up to July 1953, great difficulties for the procurement of cattle fodder were expected for the coming winter. The harvest outlook was almost equally bad in the entire Magdeburg region.

the MTS would no longer be allocated machines,

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